Dewan's reply.—The circuit system is inconvenient and objectionable and has therefore long since been discontinued.

Subject No. 173.
Extension of Municipalities.

Summary of discussion.—A Municipality should be established at every place which contains more than 200 houses.

Dewan's reply.—Yes, where the people ask for it.

Subject No. 174.
Construction of dams to arrest surface drainage.

Summary of discussion.—Raiyats in Her Majesty's territory often clamour against our constructing dams across water courses which wash off the surface soil of our garden and other lands. We don't construct large tanks so as to diminish their water-supply. We put up small temporary dams only.

Dewan's reply.—You cannot stop water flowing in defined channels. There can be no objection to your arresting surface drainage. The law is clear on the point. Represent to Deputy Commissioner in individual cases.

Subject No. 175.
Other proposals brought forward by Mr. Nanjunda Rao, R. M. from Davangere.

Summary of discussion.—Mr. Nanjunda Rao (Land-holder from Davangere) bespoke the good offices of Government in various matters summarised hereunder—

(1) All public buildings intended for the occupation of the Native Officers of Government should have separate kitchens attached to them. Government may, if necessary, charge additional rent for the same.

(2) The Police should be separated from the executive. Promotions should be given to the men already in service according to seniority instead of all at once putting young and inexperienced men in positions of responsibility.

(3) The Local Fund Board should consist of a member from each Taluk and Deputy Amildar's range, and of a separate member to represent the interests of Inamdars. These members should be sufficiently conversant with matters which may come up for decision before the Board.

(4) A Munsiff's Court should be established at Davangere.

(5) The Town of Davangere should be extended. A new *Mandipet* should be constructed and connected by a Railway siding with the main line.

(6) It is said that Government intend employing females in the public service. This is dangerous to the Hindu community. There is nothing to be said against females being employed as midwives and teachers of Girls' schools or against their treating female patients. This is a matter for the consideration of Government as well as the Hon'ble Mr. Chentsal Rao.

(7) People are subject to a dual control, *viz.*, both of Government and of Gurus. In the interests and well-being of the country and of its subjects, it is necessary that these two authorities should continue to possess the power which is

legitimately their own. Otherwise the consequences would be disastrous. It is for the Government to respect existing rights and privileges and to reward the good and punish the bad.

Therefore it is prayed that the following proposals may be taken into consideration by Government:—

(i) A list should be published in the Gazette showing all Matts exercising control over the people in this country and the privileges and duties appertaining to them.

(ii) Long enjoyed respects should be maintained and such further privileges conceded as may be necessary.

(iii) Highly respected Mathadhipatis should be exempted from personal attendance in our Courts, &c.

(iv) A list should be kept of Inam villages, &c., granted to the Matts. The Muzarayi Department should be asked to see that such endowments are not alienated and that the income derived therefrom is properly utilized.

(v) A Rahadari should be given to 'Mathadhipatis' to enable them to go out for "Shishyarchane." It is their duty to be constantly moving about and performing 'Tapánúshthána.'

(vi) Lingayats and other caste men are incompetent to study the Vedas. But they not only do so now, but also perform "Veda Karmas" to the prejudice of other caste men. The Government or the "Mathadhipatis" should put a stop to this and protect "Dharma."

(vii) Persons well-versed in Shastras and capable of improving the moral and religious tone of the people should be appointed by Heads of Matts for the purpose of doing whatever is necessary to further the objects of the institution. Such arrangements should only be made after convening a meeting of the people concerned and ascertaining the sense of such meeting.

Dewan's reply.—All these interesting suggestions will be considered in due course according to time and opportunity.

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